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THE LORD IS RISEN.

Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here : for he is risen as he said.

Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.

I am he that liveth and was dead ; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.

I am the resurrection and the life ; he that believeth in me, tho he were dead yet shall he live.

Because I live ye shall live also.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

O death, where is thy sting ? O grave, where is thy victory ?

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESURRECTION FACT.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a fact, a historical fact, an indisputable fact, a fact established by many "infallible proofs;" but it is more than a fact, it is a great truth, the foundation truth of our holy Christianity. On this truth as the chief corner stone rests the entire building. The Bible sets before us this truth and the person of the Lord Jesus as the objects of our faith. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Here are two things inseparably connected, faith in the person of Jesus and in the truth of his resurrection. At another place Paul couples with this truth another thought: "If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above." Here the apostle shows the relation in which the miraculous, historical fact of Christ's resurrection stands to the practical spiritual Christian life. The man who professes faith in the person of Christ and in the fact of his resurrection and does not live the higher life of God in the soul, is not consistent with his profession.

THE MEANING OF EASTER.

Have we learned the sweet, beautiful lessons of this festive day of the Christian church? Do we fully appreciate the blessings it brings to those who have named the name of Jesus? It was a happy day when Jesus was born a little helpless babe and laid in Bethlehem's manger; it was a sad day, sad in one sense, when wicked hands nailed the Christ of God to the cross; he who went about doing good, with his blessed ministries of healing and the truth which makes men free; he, the flower of human kind, expires on the cross; but it was a glorious day, a triumphant day, a day of gladness and rejoicing, the day of immortality, when the Christ of God rose from the grave to live forever more. We live because he lives; his resurrection means eternal life, immortal life; it means hope for the sorrowing, a reunion of broken up families, a home in heaven, the cessation of human sorrows, the perfection of heavenly joys.

THE DAYTON MISSION.

In this issue appears the report of the Dayton work by Brother Tombaugh. In an editorial a few weeks ago reference was made to the fact that Dayton is one of the most promising mission fields for the Brethren church in the entire brotherhood. The report by Brother Tombaugh confirms our statement. The work in Dayton must by no means be neglected. It is true Brother Tombaugh has agreed to give the brethren regular services every two weeks, Sabbath afternoons, but he has already too much work to do and to ask him to take this additional work is an injustice. Besides there should be a resident minister in the city of Dayton, a pastor set over the flock, who will direct the people in their worship and Christian service and develop them along the various lines of church work. This can not be done satisfactorily by visiting the congregation but once in two weeks tho if any man in the church can do it that person is Brother Tombaugh. Dayton is a ripe field and the church should turn its attention to this field no less than to Chicago and Washington. It is doubtful whether in the whole brotherhood there is another city where the same amount of work can be done with the same amount of money. If therefore dollars and cents have anything to do with it, and one would think they have, then the odds are in favor of Dayton. But it is not from a financial point of view alone that we plead

for this city. It is because as already stated Dayton is a ripe field for the Brethren church; the people seem to be ready to accept the Gospel alone doctrine. That a great work can be done there is manifest to all who have any knowledge of the city, its people and their religious turn of mind.

Brother Tombaugh has already done a good work in the city and it is to be hoped that the Mission Board will take immediate action and adopt some measure that will insure permanency to the work. Many are ready to unite with our people, but they want some assurance that they will be cared for after they have entered the fold. A well qualified, consecrated minister in the city of Dayton, would, beyond doubt accomplish a great work for the Brethren church.

APPROPRIATE SERVICE.

We are pleased to learn that at least a few of our pastors are following the example of other denominations in celebrating Holy Communion on Easter Sabbath, preceded by a week's preaching. This is highly commendable, for surely the anniversary of the day on which the Lord rose triumphantly from the tomb can not be more appropriately observed than by the celebration of Holy Communion. Nothing brings people so near to the very heart of God and the inner, spiritual life of Christianity as that which interprets to them the real meaning of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. This is done in the celebration of Holy Communion as it is in no other way. No metaphysical disquisition, however learned, on the doctrine of the atonement, the suffering, the death and resurrection of Jesus, can make Christ so real and so thoroughly appropriate his love to fallen man, as simple obedience to the blessed words of the Master: "This do in remembrance of me." Especially appropriate then is the celebration of Holy Communion on Easter day, when out of the darkness and gloom which hung over Calvary and the grave, believing love sees the risen, triumphant Christ, the crown of immortality.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY.

A few weeks ago Brother Rench, State Evangelist of Indiana, in behalf of his people made some pointed inquiries concerning the University, the amount of indebtedness, the amount pledged for the liquidation of the debt, and the possible